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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 21-68 are pending. Claims 1-20 have been cancelled. Claims 21-68 have been added.

In general, pending claims 21-68 focus upon computer systems comprising computer modules having a processor configured to operate at a frequency of 400 MHz or greater. Support for the use of such a processor may be found in the application as originally filed, at page 8, lines 21-25, and at page 11, lines 20-24.

More specifically, pending claims 21-27 and 66 relate to a computer system wherein a power supply in the console supplies DC power to the computer modules. Support for this claim set is present in the specification as originally filed at least at page 8, lines 1, and 8-9; page 10, line 27-32; and Figure 2.

Claims 28-36 and 67 relate to a computer system wherein a graphics control function is present in each module in the form of stored computer code. Support for this claim set is present in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 4, line 20-23; page 9, lines 1-2; page 10, lines 22-26; page 11, lines 2-5; page 13, lines 6-11 and 27-31; and page 14 lines 22-25.

Claims 37-44 relate to a computer system wherein the modules are configured to interact with a shared peripheral system. Support for this claim set is present in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 6, lines 21-24; page 7, lines 23-33; page 8, lines 10-12; and page 10, lines 8-11.

Claims 45-51 and 68 relate to a computer system wherein a keyboard and mouse control function is present is each module in the form of stored computer code. Support for this claim set is present in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 6, line 29-32; page 7, line 25; page 10, lines 17-19; page 13, lines 20-21, lines 23-31; and page 14 lines 22-25.

Claims 52-57 relate to a computer system wherein a network controller is present in each module. Support for this claim set is present in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 7, line 29-30; page 9, line 20-26; and page 12, line 19.

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Claim 58-61 relate to the console supplying power to the serial communication controller. Support for these claims is present in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 7, line 29 - page 8, line 1; and page 8, line 10-15.

Claim 62-65 relate to the serial communication controller in the console providing communication between the computer modules and an external network. Support for these claims is present in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 7, line 29 - page 8, line 1; page 8, lines 10-15; page 9, lines 20-26; and page 10, lines 1-8.

No new matter has been introduced into the application by virtue of these claim amendments.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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